

**REPORTING COMMITTEE - KEELBOAT
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Class Rule Changes

A submission from the International Five point Five Metre Class

PROPOSAL:

Amend current rules 15.1.1 to 15.3 as follows:

15.1.1 International 5.5 Metre yachts shall from 1st January 1997 be constructed according to these rules, approved construction drawings and an approved 'International 5.5 Metre Building Form'. The approval shall be given ~~by a "Technical Director" appointed by the Class Association~~ by an international measurer appointed by ISAF.

15.1.2 During the construction of the yacht a surveyor shall check that the scantlings and the weight distribution approved in the Building Form have been observed. ~~The survey shall be done by the same international measurer appointed by ISAF.~~ The survey shall be done by the same international measurer appointed by ISAF.

15.2 Plan approval: prior to commencement of the construction of a new yacht a completed Building Form together with appropriate construction drawings and material specifications shall be submitted to the international measurer ~~Technical Director~~ for approval to enable confirmation of the design weight. Commencement of construction prior to approval shall be at the owners risk. On approval signed copies of the Building Form shall be distributed as follows :

- Three copies to the owners representative.
- One copy to be retained in the class files.

15.3 Fees for plan approval and survey: the fee for plan approval shall be decided by the Class Association and paid before the approved Building Form is issued by the international measurer ~~Technical Director~~. The fee for survey shall be decided by the Class Association and paid before the Rating Certificate is issued.

CURRENT POSITION:

See above.

REASON:

The current wording has been made around the person of Paul Handley who acted successfully as a technical director of the Class during several years, and checked in that function the scantlings of many new boat constructions. He announced two years ago that he wanted to retire from this position, but it has never been talked about a replacement solution.

Then, the Class has not succeeded to find any substitute in order to assure the

conformity of scantlings, and the intention stays clear to not go back to a classification society.

In fact, as the scantling are part of the rating rules, (in the same document), it is the responsibility of the ISAF measurer to proceed to a scantlings control as well as the other rules criteria's.